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General Walter B. Smith
Director Central Intelligence
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Smith:

1. I have discussed with the Staff your request of 30 July for the assignment of Generals [REDACTED] As a result, General [REDACTED] will be ordered to CIA immediately. General [REDACTED] is not available at present.

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2. These discussions brought forth the fact that Army officers assigned to CIA, including yourself, are chargeable against the reduced number authorized by the Davis Amendment to the current Appropriations Act. In addition to this, general officers furnished outside agencies on a non-reimbursable basis must be counted within the more restrictive ceiling set for this group by the Senate Armed Services Committee.

3. The establishment of SHAPE and a new command structure in Europe has been a considerable drain on our general officer resources. Unless General [REDACTED] requests retirement or the Army can obtain reimbursement for his services, he will continue to count, budgetwise and numberwise, against our authorization. His early retirement is not anticipated in view of a recent suspension of the mandatory retirement law applicable in his case.

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4. With this situation in mind, I solicit your assistance in obtaining reimbursement from CIA for the active duty general officers furnished by the Army. This will exempt such officers from the limitations imposed by the Davis Amendment and the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Sincerely yours,

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Acting Secretary of the Army

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